

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **NEW PARKS ADVANCE IN PERRY HALL, TOWSON**

One of my priorities as County Councilman has been to preserve green space throughout the Fifth District. Thousands of acres have been downzoned to lighten development, and if all goes as expected, eight parks will have been created in the Fifth District by 2018.

In November, we marked three milestones. First, [Perry Hall celebrated the opening of Angel Park](#). The idea for Angel Park came from Kelli Szczybor and her extended family who wanted to create a place for remembering loved ones, particularly children, who passed too early. In 2012, our office helped secure land next to the Perry Hall library, and we created a committee to recommend uses for the property. Planning for Angel Park began, and thousands of volunteers constructed this all-access playground and amphitheater over the summer. It is a testament to the very best in community spirit.

In Towson, construction has started on Adelaide Bentley Park. This property, located near Pennsylvania Avenue in Historic East Towson, is [owned by NeighborSpace of Baltimore County](#), a

nonprofit that preserves green space in older areas. Baltimore County supports NeighborSpace through open space fees.



Finally, I am very happy that the County Council will soon receive a contract to purchase the Radebaugh property south of Burke Avenue. [Radebaugh Park will provide much-needed open space in the densely-populated communities of eastern Towson.](#)

GROUNDBREAKING OCCURS FOR WHITE MARSH FIRE STATION

On Monday, November 14th, the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company broke ground on the new White Marsh fire station, which will be located on land donated by General Motors at the Allison Transmission Plant on Philadelphia Road. Construction starts in March and should be finished in a year. The fire company is still in need of support; learn about the campaign at <http://www.wmvfc.org/campaign>.



COMMUNITY MEETING TO SOLICIT INPUT ON RADEBAUGH PARK

Councilman Marks and the Green Towson Alliance will hold a community meeting on Monday, December 5th at 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church of Towson to discuss ideas for the future Radebaugh Park. The church is located at 40 Burke Avenue.

RENOVATIONS ADVANCE AT SHOPS AT KENILWORTH

On November 11th, the Shops at Kenilworth celebrated the completion of renovations at the shopping center's main entrance. The holiday train garden opens in mid-November. Trader Joe's is expected to be ready for the public in April.



CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF FOR PERRY HALL HIGH ARTIFICIAL TURF

The Perry Hall High School Athletic Booster Club has kicked off its campaign for an artificial turf field at the school. The school's goal is to raise private sector and community funding now, and secure a governmental match in 2017.

Several years ago, the athletic booster club worked with Perry Hall's representatives to secure funding for a state-of-the-art digital scoreboard. The turf field is the next phase, which the Athletic Booster Club hopes to follow with infrastructure and field improvements.

Businesses and residents can donate to the effort by visiting <http://www.phsboosterclub.org>. There will be special recognition at certain levels of

contribution. Over \$72,000 has already been pledged from local recreation councils and other entities.

REDEVELOPMENT FINISHED AT DOWNTOWN PERRY HALL SITE

On November 18th, Councilman Marks joined community leaders at the ribbon-cutting for the redeveloped site at 8833 Belair Road. The derelict property has been rebuilt into a retail center that is mostly leased, with new signage and landscaping.

[Councilman Marks created a Perry Hall revitalization district in 2011.](#)



PERRY HALL AARP TAX AIDE SIGN UPS START JANUARY 2017

The AARP Tax Aide Program is the nation's largest, volunteer-run tax preparation program to assist eligible taxpayers in electronically filing their taxes by providing free tax return preparation. The service is aimed at low to moderate income taxpayers with special attention to those 50+, but there is no age/income threshold.

A new location at the Perry Hall Library will be taking appointments for the 2016 Tax Year. Appointments will be available on a first come-first serve basis and can be made beginning January 2. Tax Aide service at the Perry Hall Library is only scheduled for Mondays from 9:30am to 1:30pm from February 6, 2017 through April 10, 2017. To reserve an appointment, contact the Perry Hall Library at (410) 887-5195, and press #4 for the Information Desk.